

City Utilities Transit

Planning and Preparing for the Future of Springfield

June 9, 2009



Downtown Transfer Station

- Park Central West location inadequate
- Planning for larger buses
- Federal assistance

Tulsa, Oklahoma Transfer Station



Little Rock, Arkansas River Cities Travel Center



Federal Assistance

- 2006 grant \$1.63 million
- 2008 grant \$1.47 million
- 2009-10 ARRA stimulus grant \$1.44 million

Federal Assistance Requirements

- Center City location
- Suitability study
- Time constraints
- Environmental
- Historical preservation
- Route
- Economic feasibility
- Relocation Act notices
- FTA approval

First Study Location (Site 2B)

- Transit Study 1, February 2007 (\$51,000)
- City-CU partnership
- Boonville-Water
- Multi-modal

Second Study Location

- Transit Study 2, August 2008 (\$55,000)
- FTA approval received
- Private property, three owners
- FTA letter May 15, 2009 (no joint development)



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FTA Letter

May 15, 2009

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Ms. Carol Cruise
Transit Director
1505 Boonville Ave
Springfield, MO 65803

Re: Springfield City Utilities Transfer Center

Carol
Dear ~~Ms. Cruise~~:

This letter is in regard to the Springfield City Utility (CU) Transfer Center and the plan for utilizing American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds to supplement the existing grant MO-04-0120.

The purpose of this letter is to express the FTA's concern regarding project readiness due to the fact that the real estate acquisitions have not yet occurred. We understand that CU is prepared to purchase the properties at 501/503 E. St. Louis and 511 E. St. Louis. We also understand the CU has issued the notice to condemn the property at 505 E. St. Louis Street. As discussed in our April 24, 2009 meeting, the FTA will not approve an ARRA grant for construction until CU has filed the petition to condemn the 505 property.

According to the FTA approved grant MO-04-0120 the scope is for a transfer facility. Recently received conceptual drawings provided by the 505 property owner are outside the scope of this grant. FTA will not participate in project activities outside the scope of the grant. Any scope revision to the grant places your ARRA funds at further risk.

We remain very interested in ensuring all ARRA funds apportioned to CU are obligated in grants for CU. July 1, 2009 is the date identified in the March 5, 2009 Federal Register notice as FTA's final date to accept grant applications in order to ensure projects are awarded by September 1, 2009. This date assumes that projects are "ready to go" and be implemented. As of today, this project is not ready for ARRA funding.

If you have any questions, please contact either Ms. Cindy Moses at (816)-329-3939 or Mr. Bill Kalt at (816)-329-3927.

Sincerely,

Mokhtee Ahmad
Regional Administrator

Second Study Location

- Bankruptcy hearing 6/11
- P&Z hearing 6/11
 - City staff approves of this use within the downtown location

Recent Activities

- CU, City staff discussions
- Federal grant rescissions possible

Options

- Proceed with FTA-approved site
- Utilize site 2B Boonville-Water
- Look at additional sites
- Maintain Park Central West, forfeit federal funds